# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
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NEW SMALL AIRCRAFT
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether 14-seater indigenous light transport aircraft Saras (VT-XSD) has rolled out of the National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bangalore;

(b) if so, whether it has obtained the clearance from the Director General Civil Aviation;

(c) if so, the result of test flight of this prototype aircraft; and

(d) by when it is expected to be produced commercially?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK )

(a) : First prototype of `SARAS` (VT-XSD) aircraft built by NAL was taken out of the hangars of NAL on 04-02-03 for the purpose of static display only.

(b): Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) clearance was not required as the prototype was taken out of the hangars for the purpose of static display only.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) : Commerical production would depend on time taken to carry out tests on components and various aircraft systems in accordance with DGCA airworthiness requirements, test flight of the aircraft, issue of type certificate by DGCA etc. This is likely to take about two years.